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## **ICE ARRESTS GUATEMALAN WITH CHICAGO GANG TIES**

*Has numerous criminal convictions; is eligible to be deported*

CHICAGO – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers arrested a Guatemalan man who has a lengthy criminal record and Chicago-area gang ties Sept. 14 as a first step in removing him from the country.

Wilber Florian-Castillo, 27, has convictions for burglary, theft, mob action, assault, and possession of marijuana.

This arrest is part of an ongoing ICE effort to identify and arrest fugitive criminal aliens and other immigration absconders in the Chicago area and remove them from the United States. Since this individual has already been through immigration proceedings and has received final removal orders from an immigration judge, he is subject to immediate removal from the country.

“We will not tolerate known criminal aliens living in our communities,” said Debbie Achim, ICE Chicago Detention and Removal field office director. “Our goal is to remove these individuals from our streets and deport them as soon as possible.”

This arrest took place at the subject’s suburban Glen Ellyn, Ill. home early in the morning with the assistance of the Du Page County Sheriff. Florian-Castillo was a legal permanent resident of the United States; however, according to immigration law his convictions make him subject to deportation.

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